Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 5 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2005/000132 without prejudice.

Please add <u>new</u> claims as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (new): A method for joining components under dynamic load comprises welding at least two gas turbine components laser powder build-up welding to join said at least two gas turbine components together..

Claim 7 (new): The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to said step of welding: aligning the at least two components relative to one another in an aligned position; and joining the at least two components together in the aligned position by an auxilliary weld.

Claim 8 (new): The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the auxiliary weld is produced by laser welding or electron-beam welding.

Claim 9 (new): The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the at least two gas turbine components comprise at least two rotor discs of a compressor rotor or a turbine rotor, each of the at least two rotor discs including an axially extending flange; and wherein the step of welding joins together the at least two rotor discs at said axially extending flanges of said at least two rotor discs.

Claim 10 (new): The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein the at least two gas turbine components comprise at least two rotor discs of a compressor rotor or a turbine rotor, each of the at least two rotor discs including an axially extending flange;

wherein the step of aligning includes axially aligning the axially extending flanges; wherein the step of joining comprises forming an auxilliary weld at an intersection of the axially extending flanges;

and wherein the step of welding joins together the at least two rotor discs at said axially extending flanges of said at least two rotor discs.

Claim 11 (new): The method of claim 10, wherein the axially extending flanges of said at least two rotor discs, when aligned, form a pool crater for the laser powder build up welding.